

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	17838	Agenda Number	17.
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Meeting Date:	8/23/2012	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$1,752,357 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$1,752,357 for programs authorized under the Texas Health and Safety Code: HIV Surveillance Control Program, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control, Refugee Health Screening Program, Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention and Control Federal Program, TB Prevention and Control State Program, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program, Immunization Program, and Office of Public Health Practice programs.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. A City match of \$91,467 is required for the PHEP program that is included in the current operating appropriation.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 12, 2011, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget. Council approved an ordinance for the Refugee program on November 10, 2011.
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Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) awarded the City of Austin Health and Human Services (HHSD) \$3,970,039 for nine separate programs for the grant period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. These programs include: HIV Surveillance, Immunization Outreach, Office of Public Health Practice, PHEP, Bioterrorism, Refugee Health Screening, STD Control, TB Control and Outreach, and TB Elimination.

TDSHS is consolidating the programs into one contract amending several of the current contracts to end August 31, 2012. TDSHS has awarded HHSD a total of \$5,578,169 for the nine programs in the budget fiscal year 2011-2012.

The current amended appropriation in the 2011-2012 Budget for the nine contracts is \$3,825,812. The requested increase of \$1,752,357 represents the difference between the total grant appropriations of \$3,825,812 and the total grant award of \$5,578,169 (\$3,825,812+ \$1,752,357). This contract allows HHSD to provide the following services:

The STD/HIV programs provide clinical and preventative services to the community to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases and address the Department goal to promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities. The STD/HIV Program is a core activity.

The TB program provides basic service for tuberculosis prevention, control, and outreach to individuals of identified subgroups who have TB or who are at high risk of developing TB in the Travis County service area and addresses the Department goal to promote a healthy community, which reflects social equity. This will be achieved through prevention, protection, provision, and promotion. Tuberculosis Elimination is a core activity and is mandated in Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Austin/Travis County TB Program has a full-service clinic to evaluate patients for TB infection, treat the disease, and has additional staff that provides contact investigation and outreach to TB cases and their contacts.

The Refugee program provides preventive health education and navigation of the U.S. health care system and addresses patient medical conditions, including treatments and outcomes for refugees.

The PHEP program provides services for the continuation of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) activities defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and categorized to address nine public health preparedness goals.

The Office of Public Health Practice assists in the funding of programs that address the provision of meeting or completing essential public health services and activities in order to address local public health objectives. The programs also provide for the provision of public education outreach to the community in order to promote awareness of chronic health issues, access to clinical and social services and the empowerment of the community to make more informed decisions regarding reproductive/sexual health.

This amendment will not affect performance measures.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.